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LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, Jan. 1, 1945 compared with year ago:

Total number of feed-grain-consuming units, 147,000,000 -- 14 percent less.

All cattle, including milk cows, 81,760,000 -- 1 percent less.

Hogs, 60,660,000 -- 28 percent less.

Sheep and lambs, 47,945,000 -- 9 percent less.

ESTIMATED MEAT PRODUCTION, ALL SLAUGHTER, first quarter, 1945: beef, veal, lamb and mutton largest on record for period.

Total: 6,121,000,000 pounds -- 12 percent less than a year earlier.

Beef: 2,555,000,000 pounds -- 12 percent more than a year earlier.

Veal: 338,000,000 pounds -- 23 percent more than a year earlier.

Sheep and lambs: 269,000,000 pounds -- 11 percent more than a year earlier.

Pork: 2,959,000,000 pounds -- 29 percent less than a year earlier.

PROSPECTIVE MEAT PRODUCTION, all slaughter, second quarter 1945:

Total, 4,897,000,000 pounds -- 18 percent less than year ago.

Beef, 2,203,000,000 pounds -- 8 percent more than a year earlier.

Veal, 356,000,000 pounds -- 6 percent more than a year earlier.

Pork, 2,133,000,000 pounds -- about 28 percent less than for the same quarter last year. Estimated 29 percent drop in 1944 pig crop from 1943.

Sheep and lambs, 205,000,000 pounds -- 9 percent less than a year earlier.

MARKETING SITUATION, Spring 1945:

Sharp drop in hog marketings from December and much lower than a year ago. Gradual decline in cattle marketing from last October peak, but continuing above a year earlier.

FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER, April 1945, compared with year ago:

Total meat supplies, down 25 percent.

Cattle, 978,890 -- up 4 percent over year ago; 15 percent above the 5-year average for month.

Calves, 477,294 -- 14 percent below a year ago; 1 percent below the 5-year average for same month.

Hogs, 3,066,117 -- down 51 percent from a year ago; 31 percent under the 5-year average for month.

Sheep, 1,507,398 -- up 9 percent over a year ago; 5 percent above the 5-year average for month.

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